



Michigan *Office of the Auditor General* **REPORT SUMMARY**

Performance Audit

Central Michigan University

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Central Michigan University, which began in 1892 as the Central Michigan Normal School and Business Institute, offers more than 170 programs at the bachelor's, master's, specialist's, and doctoral levels. The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. During fall semester 2003, the University enrolled over 19,000 students at its Mt. Pleasant campus and 8,000 students at its off-campus locations throughout Michigan and the rest of North America.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the University's admissions and monitoring practices to help students successfully complete their classes and programs.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the University was generally effective in its admissions and monitoring practices to help students successfully complete their classes and programs.

Reportable Conditions:

The University needs to amend its academic placement policy to help ensure that students enroll in mathematics and English courses commensurate with the students' level of knowledge (Finding 1).

The University did not consistently enforce its prerequisites (Finding 2).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the University's efforts to evaluate the quality of its educational programs.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the University was generally effective in its efforts to evaluate the quality of its educational programs.

Reportable Conditions:

The University needs to incorporate additional pertinent performance indicators for its evaluation of educational program quality (Finding 3).

The University needs to ensure that all required assessments are submitted on a timely basis (Finding 4).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the University's use of educational and related program resources.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the University was generally effective and efficient in its use of educational and related program resources.

Reportable Condition:

The University did not fully enforce its sabbatical leave requirements (Finding 5).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the University's oversight of construction projects.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the University was generally effective in its oversight of construction projects. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 5 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. The University's preliminary response indicates that it agrees with 4 recommendations and partially agrees with 1 recommendation.

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